

PROCEEDINGS

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GENERAL NOTES.

Ixoreus should replace Hesperocichla.

Baird proposed the name *Hesperocichla* (Review Amer. Birds, I, 12, 1864) for the Varied Thrush on the ground that Bonaparte's term *Ixoreus* (Comptes Rendus, XXXVIII, 3, note, Jan., 1854) was founded on some South American member of the family *Tyrannidæ*. Bonaparte's reference, however, will show that while he may have associated Gmelin's *Turdus naevius* with a bird of some other family, it is yet plain that his term was based upon Gmelin's name, and that in future *Ixoreus* should be used for the genus now called *Hesperocichla*. Bonaparte's reference is as follows: "Malgré les efforts de plume et de pinceau du célèbre ornithologiste Audubon, le *Turdus naevius*, Gm. (*Orpheus meruloides*, Sw.), n'est pas un Grive ni même un Chanteur, mais un VOLUCRE *Teniop-terien*, type de mon nouveau genre *Ixoreus*."

The two recognized forms should hereafter be called *Ixoreus naevius* (Gmelin), and *Ixoreus naevius meruloides* (Vigors).—*Charles W. Richmond.*

Two preoccupied avian genera.

Aphobus Cabanis (1851), for a South American icterine bird is preoccupied by *Aphobus* Gistel (Naturgesch, XI, 1848), and may be renamed *Aaptus* (type, *Agelaius chopi* Vieillot).

Floricola Elliot (1878), as a genus of Hummingbirds, is preoccupied by *Floricola* Gistel (Naturgesch, XI, 1848). In its place may be substituted *Anthoscenus* (type, *Trochilus longirostris* Vieillot).—*Charles W. Richmond.*